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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-03705 Thaw Corporation, Snow Creek Division, Wenatchee, Washington; and NAFTA-3705A Thaw Corporation, Cutting Department, Kent, Washington]

Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 205(a), subchapter 2, title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on February 18, 2000, applicable to workers of Thaw Corporation, Snow Creek Division, Wenatchee, Washington. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2000 (65 FR 14628).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of fleece outerwear and thermal underwear. New information shows that worker separations occurred at the subject firms' Cutting Department, Kent, Washington in March, 2000. Workers perform cutting operations for all Thaw Corporation's production facilities, including Snow Creek Division, Wenatchee, Washington.

Based on these new findings, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at the Cutting Department, Kent, Washington location.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Thaw Corporation who were adversely affected by a shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03705 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Thaw Corporation, Snow Creek Division, Wenatchee, Washington (NAFTA-03705) and the Cutting Department, Kent, Washington (NAFTA-0305A) who became totally or partially separated from

employment on or after January 28, 1999 through February 18, 2002 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of April, 2000.

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Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large

volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decision

This is to advise all interest parties that the Department of Labor is withdrawing, from the date of this notice, the following General Wage Determinations:

MS000028—See MS000003
MS000030—See MS000003
MS000032—See MS000003
MS000034—See MS000003
MS000035—See MS000003
MS000050—See MS000003
IA000054—See IA000009

Contracts for which bids have been opened shall not be affected by this notice. Also, consistent with 29 CFR 1.6(c)(2)(i)(A), when the opening of bids is less than ten (10) days from the date of this notice, this action shall be effected unless the agency finds that there is insufficient time to notify bidders of the change and the finding is documented in the contract file.